

THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

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The Cleveland Museum of Art has received a grant in the amount of \$18,800 from the Ohio Arts Council, Museum Director Sherman E. Lee has announced.

The grant money will help to defray the costs of bringing two Bicentennial exhibitions to the Museum this September and of installing the 1976 May Show, scheduled this year from November 24 through January 2, 1977.

The major Bicentennial exhibition aided by grant funds is Heritage and Horizon: American Painting, 1776-1976. This exhibition surveys two centuries of American painting, from 18th-century portraiture to the sharp focus realism of the present decade, bringing together 70 of the most important American paintings in the collections of the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo, the Toledo Museum of Art, and the Cleveland Museum of Art. The exhibition opens in Cleveland on September 8, and will continue on view through October 10.

The second Bicentennial exhibition to be assisted by the Arts Council grant is The American Situation: The Camera's Century, a photographic record of the American people and their way of life from the Civil War to the present decade. Organized by the William Hayes Ackland Memorial Art Center of the University of North Carolina, the exhibition consists of 86 photographs selected mainly from the collections of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the International Museum of Photography at George Eastman House, Rochester, New York, and the Library of Congress. It will open in Cleveland September 8, for viewing through October 3.

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The May Show, an annual juried exhibition of works by artists of Ohio's Western Reserve region, was first held in 1919 and is one of the most popular art exhibitions in northeastern Ohio. Usually held in May and June, the May Show dates were changed this year to accommodate the Museum's Bicentennial exhibition program, inaugurated May 5 by The European Vision of America. This exhibition, widely acclaimed both in this country and abroad, remains on view in Cleveland through August 8.

The Ohio Arts Council is a state agency established in 1965 to promote and preserve the arts in Ohio. It provides financial and advisory assistance to performing, visual and literary arts organizations throughout Ohio.

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